

In the Office Action the Examiner indicated that the present invention contained two inventions namely the method of stopping and/or extinguishing fire, classified in class 169 subclass 46, and the apparatus for stopping and/or extinguishing by erecting the wall classified in class 169, subclass 67.

The Examiner required to elect one of inventions for the further prosecution.

In connection with the Examiner's restriction requirement applicant has elected for further prosecution the invention drawn to the method of stopping and/or extinguishing fire.

Claims 1-8 are readable on the elected invention. It is respectfully requested to prosecute these claims further.

At the same time, the Examiner's election requirement is respectfully traversed. It is respectfully submitted that claim 1 of the inventive method and claim 9 of the inventive apparatus substantially are identical with the exception of the method claim language and apparatus claim language.

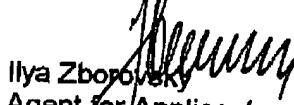
Basically claims 1 and 9 contain the same new inventive features, and it is not clear how the process claimed can be practiced by another apparatus, and how another apparatus as claimed can be used by another method.

It is therefore respectfully requested to prosecute in this application both inventions, and all claims currently on file.

Consideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-243-3818).

Respectfully submitted,

  
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